

# METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COLLABORATIVE KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A collaborative knowledge management system (CKMS) includes application  
5 interfaces collecting data objects from and providing data objects to respective application  
programs including, for example, word processing, spreadsheet, graphics, e-mail, general  
ledger, ERP and other programs and utilities. The data objects are associated with respective  
relationships identifying other data objects, applications and users (whereby users include,  
but are not limited to people, machines and software). A set of rules defines how the data  
10 objects are to react to various systems states and actions of the objects of the relationships.  
Objects may be stored in a common format, or lingua franca, so that diverse applications and  
users may form, share and interrelate knowledge provided by the data objects and collaborate  
in the creation of new data objects and define new relationships.